

Air and Courier.

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National Republican Convention.

A National Convention of the Republican party will meet at Chicago on Thursday, the 30th inst. of June, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to be supported for President and Vice-President at the next election. The convention will also elect delegates to the National Convention of 1892.

J. D. CAMERON,
Chairman National Committee.

THOMAS B. KEOGH, Secretary.

THE "WICKED REPUBLICAN" THEORY.

That the Maine election returns have been altered, Maine they were not into the hands of the Republicans, for the purpose of charging the Fusionists with such alteration, is now universally believed.

—Maine Union.

Yes, the refusal of the Republicans to show the returns to Messrs. Chase, Fogg and Brown establishes the fact beyond a doubt.

The *Argus* must wink its many eyes at the simplicity of readers who are willing to believe that the Republicans altered the returns to count themselves out. For example, Fusion Deputy Benson testifies that by request of Councilor Fiskier he saved an amended return for Diamond, by accepting and counting which, a Fusion Senator was secured from Penobscot. The readers of the *Argus*, however, are asked to dismiss Benson's story, and accept the theory that the wicked Republicans did this. Again, it appears that the Hebron return was pronounced made out by the clerk, for Henry G. Walker, (Fusion). Somebody has changed the "C" to "G" in order to count the vote for Henry G. Walker and elect the Fusion county officer. The *Argus* says that this, too, was done by the wicked Republicans. Notwithstanding it appears that the Governor and Council tabulated and counted the return for Henry G. Walker, thus showing that the change must have been made before the final canvass by him, (unless indeed they fraudulently counted "C" for "G"), the *Argus* readers are expected to believe the "wicked Republican" theory—because the Republican Deputy Secretary declined to go up to the State House at 3 o'clock on Saturday, and show to the Councilors the returns which were in the hands of the investigating committee, who had already invited all these gentlemen to come before them, look over the papers and explain various mysterious things, which invitation they had seen fit to decline. The two Union members of the investigating committee were unwilling to make fools of themselves by setting up the "wicked Republican" theory.

THE THIRD TERM.

A letter is published in the *Tribune* from the veteran Thurlow Weed, in which he deprecates the movement for the nomination of General Grant. First because Grant has had two terms and ought like Washington and others "find his truest happiness in calm and dignified retirement." Second because the opposition to a third term is a sentiment strongly fixed in the public mind and must be recognized. Third, a scrub race for the nomination "would detract from the character and standing of one who has been twice chosen President by the spontaneous sentiment of a grateful country." He says the example of the conventions of New York to choose delegates was not the action of a produced so powerful a reaction that if conventions were to assemble now the proceedings of the former ones would be repeated. Mr. Weed also gives a brief review of the circumstances attending the first nomination of Grant for President, in which he was favored by many distinguished men of New York and other States. Of all who then favored Grant's nomination he knows only one who favors his nomination now.

The survivors of the old Sixth Massachusetts Regiment are to hold their reunion in Baltimore on Monday, 19th inst. Their first experiences in that city, in the early days of April, 1861, were in meeting a rebel mob. They expect, and will have a more friendly welcome this time.

The New *Zealand* wants to know "how much money has been squeezed out of the people in this State, presumably all for religion, but in reality for the purpose of running the Republican machine." Why don't that paper ask and answer how much it received from the Fusionists to change its professed religious columns to an advocacy of the worst delusions and the biggest crimes of the wickedest political party ever known in this State?—*Annexation Journal*.

In a recent talk with a Maine editor Secretary of the Navy Thompson thus referred to the attempted theft of the government of this State: "I believe if you had had in Maine the style of men we have in the cities of Indiana, you would have had an armed outbreak. I do not believe that such an outrage as was attempted in Maine could have been defeated west of the mountains without actual conflict. Why, out in Indiana there are whole shoals of people that wouldn't vote a cent for school, and we had to break them in by taxing the bank stock."

One of the Michigan Congressmen, in answer to a question as to what was the political outlook in that State used this language: "Michigan appears to be solid for Blaine. Blaine's popularity in my district dates from the Jeff Davis' debate in January, 1876. Our State delegation voted for him in the first ballot at Cincinnati in 1876 and then went over to Hayes. He appears to be much stronger with our people now than he was then. It is quite natural that this should be the case. Michigan Republicans are 'stalwart' and they want a stalwart candidate."

The Gulf correspondent of the New Haven *Patriot* says that "the progress in settling the estate of Rev. W. H. Murray is in a measure negative, as but little advance has as yet been made. It is difficult to imagine a more complicated tangle of affairs than that presented by the untimely stopping of Mr. Murray. Neither the amount of his liabilities nor the value of his assets can, with any degree of correctness, be ascertained."

Fogg wants to make these the war cries of the Fusionists: "Down with the Supreme Court! Down with the Chamberlain-bayonet government! Down with the Constitution Smasher! No Republican will object."—*Press*.

Several witnesses testified before the ex-odious committee, Saturday. Some testified that the census was due to oppression, and that if the negroes would vote the Democratic ticket there would be no trouble. Others testified that the negroes were well treated in the South and were not wanted in Kansas.

Washington Wilder Perry says the Greenback party has nothing to lose and everything to hope for. That's about the size of it. It's a party of great expectations, none of which will be realized.

The large profit yielded by the cotton crop last year has stimulated a desire to increase production, and it is estimated, from preparations being made, that the acreage planted this year will be, at least, fifty per cent. more than that of last year. Statistics of the last crop show that it cost 14 cents per pound to raise the cotton, and the planter received for it an average of 11 cents. This is a profit of 3 cents per pound. The total crop is estimated at five million bales, of 450 pounds each—2,250,000,000 pounds. This at the estimated profit, has put into the pockets of the Southern planters, the neat sum of \$225,000,000 net gain. If the present season would prove a favorable one for cotton, it is probable that by far the largest crop ever raised will be produced, and consequently cotton will be likely to be low in price.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Newfoundland advices indicate an almost total failure of the seal fishery.

The Revenue Cutter *Thos. Corwin* came down to San Francisco from Victoria, probably to be fitted up for the relief of whaling vessels in the Arctic.

A fire Sunday destroyed the Hubbard House, Turner Hall and nine other buildings in Erie, Pa.

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